

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below in the LISTING OF CLAIMS.

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A composite double component packaging material, comprising: a first component including a base sheet of a paper material, and a second component adhered to the first component, wherein the second component is formed as a tubular sleeve of a thin film of plastic material, wherein the plastic material is a material approved for containing food products.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein said thin film tubular sleeve has a transversal dimension smaller than a corresponding transversal dimension of the base sheet, so as to leave an edge on at least one side of the base sheet uncovered by the thin film tubular sleeve.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein adhesion between the base sheet and the tubular sleeve is provided such that less than their entire contacting surfaces are adhered to one another, so as to leave at least one not adherent peripheral edge where the tubular sleeve is opened to insert the food product.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 3, wherein the tubular sleeve has a longitudinal dimension smaller than a corresponding longitudinal dimension of the base sheet, so as to leave at least one free longitudinal edge of the base sheet, wherein the at least one free longitudinal edge is provided with a glue stripe which forms a hermetically sealable closure for the package.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 4, wherein the glue stripe is a pressure responsive adhesive or a pressure sensitive adhesive.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 5, wherein the pressure responsive adhesive or pressure sensitive adhesive is covered by a detachable cover stripe.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein adhesion between the first component and the second component extends to less than their entire contacting surfaces so as to leave at least one not adherent peripheral edge where the first or second component is folded.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein the first component includes at least one longitudinal weakness line along which the first component can be torn, and the second component includes at least one correspondingly located longitudinal weakness line along which the second component can be torn.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 8, wherein the longitudinal weakness lines of the first and second components are realized by scoring and are located at approximately a central lateral position.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 8, wherein the longitudinal weakness lines of the first and second components are realized by scoring and are located at a laterally offset position.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): A composite packaging material according to claim 1, wherein the double component packaging material is transversely welded at one end edge, so as to provide a bag package structure.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A composite double-layer packaging material, for containing a food product, said packaging material comprising:

a first paper support layer having a first surface and a second surface, and

a second layer adhered to and substantially covering the first surface of the first layer so as to form a double-layer sheet, ~~wherein the second layer is formed of being~~ a thin tubular film of plastic material,

~~wherein the thin film has a transversal dimension not smaller than a transversal dimension of the first paper support layer, such that the thin film overlays the first paper support layer to form the double-layer sheet, and~~

wherein the thin film has a longitudinal cut extending an entire longitudinal length of the film so as to form at least one foldable free flap, and

wherein said packaging material is foldable and rollable such that the first layer rolls to surround the second layer and a food product received in the second layer with substantially only the second surface of the first layer exposed.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 12, wherein the thin film forms two opposed foldable free flaps.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 13, wherein the two opposed foldable free flaps are foldable so as to be intermediately juxtaposed.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 13, wherein the two opposed foldable free flaps are foldable so as to overlap one another.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 12, wherein the second layer is attached to said first layer such that when said first layer is folded, the second layer is also foldable in a similar manner.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The composite double-layer packaging material according to claim 12, wherein the first layer includes at least one longitudinal weakness line along which the first ~~component~~ layer can be torn, and the second layer includes at least one correspondingly located weakness line along which the second layer can be torn.